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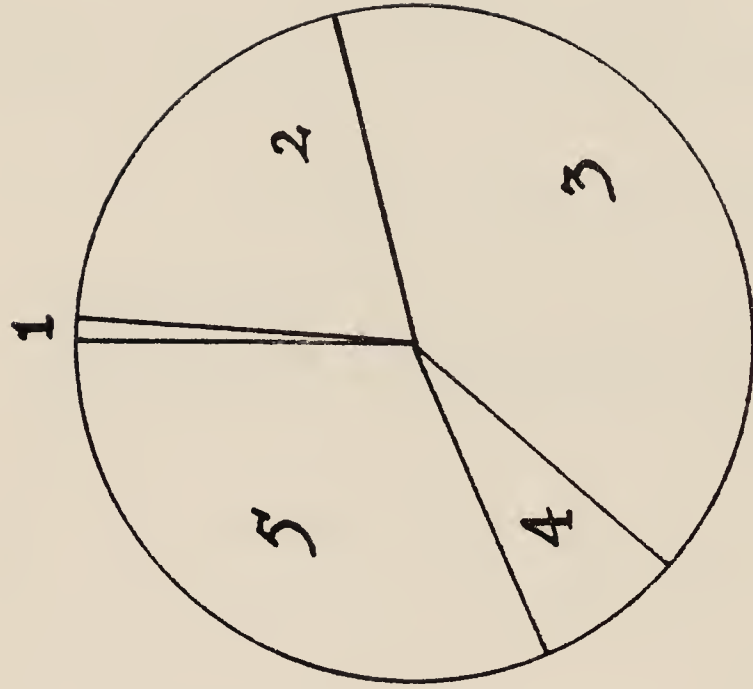
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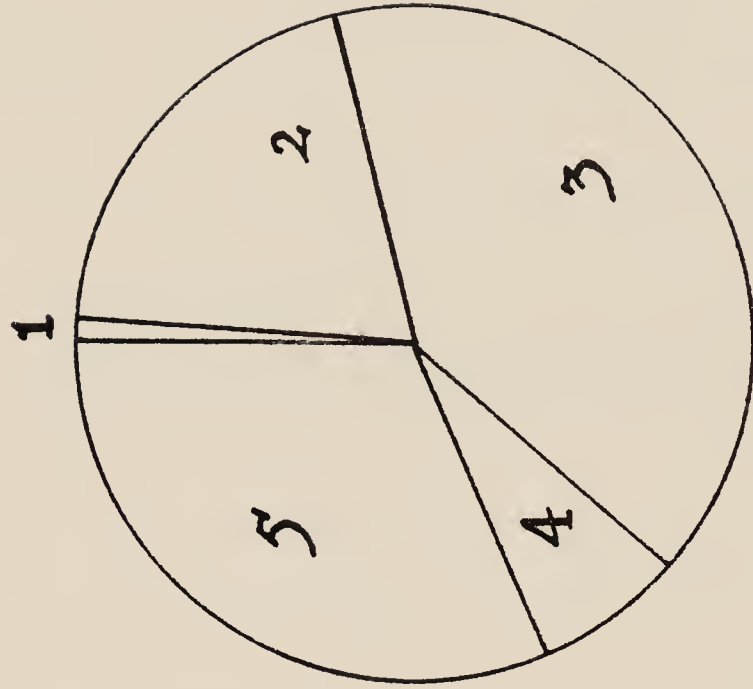
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Causes of Death in the Uckfield Rural District.



1935



1954

1. Infectious Diseases (including Tuberculosis).
2. Cancer.
3. Heart Diseases.
4. Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis).
5. All other causes of death.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1954 prepared on the lines indicated in Ministry of Health Circular 28/54.

The crude Birth Rate is 12.63 per thousand population and corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution over the whole country this becomes 15.28. The Birth Rate for England and Wales is 15.20 per thousand population.

The crude Death Rate is 12.15 per thousand population and corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution over the whole country this becomes 9.23. The death rate for England and Wales is 11.30 per thousand population. The diagram on the opposite page shows the changed relationship between the principal causes of death during the last twenty years. Death rates from cancer and diseases of the heart are increasing. These are maladies of later life and the following table shows that the percentage of persons reaching the high age groups has considerably increased over the intercensal period.

Age Groups	EAST SUSSEX		UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT	
	1931 %	1951 %	1931 %	1951 %
0— 4 ...	6.0	7.3	6.5	7.5
5— 9 ...	6.9	6.4	7.2	6.9
10—14 ...	6.8	5.9	7.3	6.7
15—24 ...	15.5	10.4	15.4	12.7
25—34 ...	14.5	11.8	14.4	10.8
35—44 ...	13.5	14.3	13.2	13.9
45—54 ...	13.7	14.0	14.0	13.6
55—64 ...	11.7	12.6	11.5	11.8
65 and over ...	11.4	17.3	10.5	16.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The above table was compiled from figures shown in the County Report of the Registrar General, 1951, and Part II of the County Report for 1931.

Infectious Diseases.

DYSENTERY.

Early in May a general practitioner reported the unusually high incidence of vomiting and diarrhoea in his practice.

Enquiries at Rotherfield Primary School showed a marked increase in absentees due to sickness and diarrhoea in the early part of the year. In few cases was medical advice sought as apparent recovery was complete in two or three days.

Faecal specimens taken from the School Canteen staff were submitted for examination and in one case a positive result was reported of Sonne Dysentery.

It is a feature of this type of dysentery that persons may continue to "carry" organisms after clinical symptoms have disappeared; moreover, people who have had no symptoms may be "carriers." Such persons are a potential source of danger particularly if engaged in handling food, for it is by such means the disease is spread. Over seventy such cases were discovered and referred to their private doctors, while children or food handlers suffering from the disease were excluded from school or work until they were proved free from infection.

Food Poisoning.

During the year three outbreaks of food poisoning, involving eighty persons, were reported.

Two outbreaks occurred in July and October at a local private school; the first could not be traced to any definite item of food or contaminated utensil although Cl. Welchi strains were found in faecal specimens submitted for bacteriological examination. In the second outbreak the same causal agent was discovered in a steak and kidney pie. The meat was purchased on the same day that a fore hock of pork at the butcher was condemned on account of decomposition, but it was not possible to establish that anyone in the shop handled both meats. Faecal specimens taken from the shop staff and submitted for bacteriological examination were all negative. Feeding of the school is undertaken by a firm of London caterers and between outbreaks there was a change of cooks. Every facility was given to representatives of the department to make a thorough investigation and the catering arrangements gave no cause for dissatisfaction.

The third outbreak occurred in a private household and staphylococcal organisms were found in faecal specimens but further investigation was not possible as all suspected food had been eaten or thrown away.

Housing.

During the year the Ministry of Housing and Local Government announced changes in the Government's housing policy. In the White Paper "Houses — The Next Step," attention was drawn to the serious problem created by dilapidation of older houses which landlords were unable to prevent owing to the small margin left for repairs in premises where rents are controlled. On the 30th of August the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, came into force, and landlords were permitted to increase controlled rents; further details of this Act, as it affects the district, are given on page 31.

The Minister has also ordered a resumption of the slum clearance programme interrupted by the war, and the Council allocated twenty-five houses from the current building programme for re-housing persons displaced from unfit property where action has been taken under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1936.

Slaughterhouse — Uckfield.

On the 5th of July rationing and controlled distribution of meat were discontinued and the District Council was charged with the responsibility for ensuring that adequate facilities were available for slaughtering animals for

food. The Council decided to centralise all slaughtering and for this purpose to acquire the premises at Uckfield formerly controlled by the Minister of Food.

Under powers conferred by section 61 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, the Council determined that after the 31st of December, 1954, no fresh licences to keep premises as a slaughterhouse should be granted by them and that on this date all such licences then in force should cease to have effect and not be renewable. This resolution was submitted to the Minister and approved by him on the 13th of December, 1954.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	43,940
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.39
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/55)	...	...	...	...	...	13,375
Rateable Value (at 31/3/55)	...	...	...	...	...	£359,757
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 31/3/55)	...	...	...	...	...	£1,410
Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	12.63	} Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	15.28	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	15.20	
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	12.65	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	9.23	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.30	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	16.21

Live Births.

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	267	262	529
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	16	10	26
Total live births	...	...	...	...	...			<u>555</u>

Infant Deaths and Still Births.

Deaths under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
Still Births	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	10

Causes of Death.

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Tuberculosis (other)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	17	3	20
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	11	11
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	33	33	66
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	27	69	96
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	43	32	75
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6

Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	28	57	85
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	25	28	53
Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	12	7	19
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	6	10	16
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	11	—	11
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	16	19	35
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	8	8	16
Suicide	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	<u>256</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>556</u>

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1939-1954.

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births.						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1939	38,780 (a) 41,010 (b)	232	208	440	13	10	23	11.94	247	233	480	11.70	6	2	8	17.28	17
1940	44,350	233	220	453	18	8	26	10.80	255	300	555	12.51	8	9	17	35.49	76
1941	43,760	241	242	483	35	32	67	12.57	273	317	590	13.48	13	8	21	38.18	40
1942	40,750	301	274	575	36	33	69	15.80	244	294	538	13.20	17	12	29	45.03	106
1943	39,360	296	263	559	47	53	100	16.74	255	319	574	14.58	14	8	22	33.38	85
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	14.11	13	8	21	29.41	189
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	14.44	12	7	19	33.21	40
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—

(a) Population for calculation of Birth Rate.

(b) Population for calculation of Death Rate.

POPULATION FIGURES, 1944-1954. Estimated

PARISH	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
BUXTED	1,857	1,837	1,951	2,008	2,041	2,064	2,066	2,379	2,435	2,435	2,437
CROWBOROUGH	5,915	5,856	6,244	6,389	6,502	6,577	6,585	7,375	7,423	7,588	7,667
DANEHILL	1,120	1,108	1,183	1,208	1,230	1,244	1,245	1,290	1,282	1,282	1,268
FLETCHING	985	974	1,039	1,062	1,082	1,094	1,095	1,062	1,051	1,004	992
FOREST ROW	2,893	2,871	3,060	3,133	3,188	3,225	3,231	3,356	3,340	3,267	3,330
FRAMFIELD	1,618	1,602	1,709	1,748	1,778	1,799	1,801	1,942	1,946	1,934	1,952
FRANT	1,557	1,541	1,644	1,682	1,711	1,731	1,733	1,515	1,520	1,536	1,525
HADLOW DOWN	886	876	934	956	973	984	985	860	829	811	828
HARTFIELD	1,966	1,947	2,076	2,124	2,161	2,186	2,188	2,128	2,131	2,077	2,095
ISFIELD	460	455	485	497	505	511	512	556	545	554	551
LITTLE HORSTED	228	224	239	246	250	253	254	225	218	214	222
MARESFIELD	2,240	2,216	2,366	2,419	2,463	2,491	2,495	2,853	2,890	2,920	2,965
MAYFIELD	2,988	2,958	3,155	3,227	3,285	3,323	3,327	3,488	3,495	3,544	3,604
ROTHERFIELD	2,737	2,710	2,889	2,957	3,010	3,044	3,047	2,992	2,990	2,930	2,975
UCKFIELD	3,449	3,415	3,642	3,726	3,793	3,836	3,840	3,862	3,918	4,302	4,252
WADHURST	3,658	3,623	3,863	3,953	4,022	4,069	4,074	4,178	4,165	4,143	4,191
WITHYHAM	2,643	2,617	2,791	2,855	2,906	2,939	2,942	3,071	3,082	3,059	3,086
† TOTALS	37,200	36,830	39,270	40,190	40,900	41,370	42,230	*43,132	43,260	43,600	43,940

† Totals, except 1951, are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General. * CENSUS 1951.

SECTION II

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Dysentery.

During the early summer an outbreak of dysentery occurred in the Crowborough and Rotherfield areas. The combined efforts of general practitioners and local authority staff prevented the outbreak becoming unmanageable ; one hundred and sixty-six cases were reported during the year. No deaths were recorded.

Diphtheria.

For the eighth successive year no case of diphtheria was notified within the district. The number of deaths caused by this disease in England and Wales was eight, the lowest total ever recorded.

Food Poisoning.

Eighty-two cases of food poisoning were reported during the year and details are shown on page 6 and in the table on page 14.

Poliomyelitis.

During the year eleven cases of poliomyelitis were reported of which six were paralytic and five non-paralytic. The Ministry of Health has issued new directions for the control and treatment of poliomyelitis and research is being conducted in efforts to control the disease ; every case reported within the district is investigated and a detailed report sent to the Medical Research Council.

Tuberculosis.

Details of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis are shown in the table on page 15.

During 1954 the Mass Radiography unit of the Brighton Chest Clinic visited Crowborough and Uckfield and shown below are details of the numbers who attended the sessions. Mass X-ray enables cases of pulmonary tuberculosis to be detected at an early stage when the prospect of complete cure is good and no one should miss attendance at a centre when the opportunity arises.

	<i>Crowborough</i>	<i>Uckfield</i>
No. of persons over 15 years X-rayed	1,121	817
No. (per 1,000 persons X-rayed) with active Pulmonary tuberculosis	2.67	2.45

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISTRIBUTION OF DISEASES IN THE PARISHES, 1954

PARISH	DISEASE												
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Poliomyelitis (Para.)	Poliomyelitis (Non-Para.)	Measles	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Paratyphoid	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	Dysentery	TOTALS
BUXTED	—	4	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	75	1	—	85
CROWBOROUGH ...	4	47	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	1	6	87	151
DANEHILL	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
FLETCHING	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
FOREST ROW	9	5	2	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	21
FRAMFIELD	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
FRANT	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	7
HADLOW DOWN ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HARTFIELD	1	6	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	11
ISFIELD	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
LITTLE HORSTED ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARESFIELD	7	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	10
MAYFIELD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	2	2	11
ROTHERFIELD ...	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	88
UCKFIELD	4	9	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	20
WADHURST	2	8	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	12
WITHYHAM	—	5	2	1	4	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	15
TOTALS	33	103	6	5	16	—	18	—	3	82	12	166	444

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 year	1—2 years	3—4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age not known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	—	1	5	20	5	—	2	—	33	8
WHOOPING COUGH	5	13	20	49	9	—	5	2	103	2
POLIOMYELITIS—PARALYTIC ...	—	—	1	4	—	1	—	—	6	6
POLIOMYELITIS—NON-PARALYTIC ...	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	5	5
MEASLES	—	5	3	4	—	2	1	1	16	—
	Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 and over	—	—	—	—	—
PNEUMONIA	1	7	5	1	4			—	18	7
DYSENTERY	21	83	38	8	3			13	166	—
ERYSIPELAS	—	—	—	1	2			—	3	—
*FOOD POISONING	69	11	2	—	—			—	82	1
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	ALL AGES									6

* ANALYSIS OF 82 FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS

2 outbreaks involving 75 persons.	Causative agent identified.	Cl Welchii.
1 outbreak involving 5 persons.	"	Staphylococci organisms.
2 single cases.	"	Salmonella organisms.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1954.

AGE GROUPS.					NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
					Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
					<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0	—	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	...	...	...	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
15	—	...	...	...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	...	...	...	7	6	—	1	—	—	—	—
35	—	...	...	...	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	...	...	...	6	4	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	...	...	...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over		...	...		5	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown		...	...		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS		...	...		27	18	2	3	2	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1937-1954.

YEAR.	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types)	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total (All Types)
	M	F	M	F	M & F	M	F	M	F	M & F
1937	12	24	6	7	49	10	6	1	4	21
1938	8	10	8	7	33	4	6	2	1	13
1939	11	7	3	5	26	10	7	1	1	19
1940	13	15	9	2	39	4	1	4	4	13
1941	24	16	5	7	52	11	8	1	1	21
1942	12	16	10	3	41	3	5	6	—	14
1943	20	12	8	6	46	4	4	—	2	10
1944	10	16	2	5	33	8	4	2	—	14
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	1	22
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	—	8
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	1	18
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	—	14
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	—	7
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	—	3
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	—	9
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	—	10
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	1	4
1954	27	18	2	3	50	2	—	—	—	2

SECTION III

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Diphtheria Immunisation.

On 1st April, 1954, combined immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough was authorised by the County Council, and offered to parents. It is found that there is now greater concern to prevent whooping cough than diphtheria, since the latter has been unknown for the past eight years, and the combined prophylactic is more readily accepted for young children than that for diphtheria alone.

The following table shows the number of children immunised during 1954 and in addition eight hundred and thirty-nine children were given boosting doses on entering school or attaining ten years of age.

Age		1954	1953
Under 1 year ...	...	385	291
Under 5 years	...	175	186
5—14 years ...	...	5	38
Total ...	...	565	515

Vaccination.

The following vaccinations and re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

Age		Vaccinations	Re-vaccinations
Under 1 year ...	...	362	—
1 year ...	...	20	2
2—4 years ...	...	10	7
5—14 years ...	...	9	31
15 years and over	...	11	157
Total ...	...	412	197

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The following tables show the position with regard to Diphtheria immunisation at 31st December, 1954 :—

(a) Children under five years of age.

District	Number of Children		Immunised					Percentages	
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	1-yrs.	2-yrs.	3-yrs.	4-yrs.	1-5 yrs.	Dec. 1954	Dec. 1953
High Hurstwood ...	3	15	2	4	5	4	15	100	100
Mark Cross ...	3	16	3	2	3	8	16	100	100
Nutley ...	11	72	21	11	14	26	72	100	97.0
Piltdown ...	4	16	4	5	2	5	16	100	100
Frant ...	15	59	13	14	14	17	58	98.3	93.2
Wadhurst ...	53	187	42	43	52	46	183	97.8	95.4
Fairwarp ...	7	35	4	12	10	8	34	97.1	93.0
Danehill ...	13	64	12	11	14	25	62	96.8	98.4
Fletching ...	7	43	8	12	12	9	41	95.3	95.3
Uckfield ...	74	250	64	54	59	61	238	95.2	96.1
Hadlow Down ...	7	19	2	5	4	7	18	94.7	85.7
Little Horsted ...	7	16	7	1	4	3	15	93.7	100
Maresfield ...	19	46	15	11	10	7	43	93.4	89.1
Five Ashes ...	8	27	5	8	6	6	25	92.6	96.1
Withyham ...	13	54	14	10	16	10	50	92.5	94.7
Mayfield ...	44	123	30	30	33	30	113	91.0	94.5
Isfield ...	5	33	11	8	5	6	30	90.9	96.7
Blackboys ...	7	32	5	10	7	7	29	90.6	97.2
Hartfield ...	20	79	8	17	22	24	71	89.8	96.8
Forest Row...	30	135	27	30	33	31	121	89.6	95.4
Framfield ...	20	61	11	17	10	16	54	88.5	95.9
Crowborough ...	105	413	75	90	111	85	361	87.4	88.2
Blackham ...	3	21	3	4	3	8	18	85.7	95.0
Groombridge ...	15	47	5	12	14	9	40	85.1	90.0
Eridge ...	5	24	2	2	5	11	20	83.3	94.7
Rotherfield ...	20	69	9	12	17	19	57	82.6	88.2
Buxted ...	22	66	9	14	12	17	52	78.7	86.3
	540	2,022	401	449	497	505	1852	91.59	93.37

(b) School children between five and fourteen years of age.

Elementary Schools	No. on Roll	Number Immunised	Percentages Immunised	
			Dec., 1954	Dec., 1953
Blackham	35	35	100	100
Danehill	145	145	100	100
Fairwarp	34	34	100	100
Five Ashes	66	66	100	100
Fletching	67	67	100	100
Forest Row	245	245	100	100
Framfield	72	72	100	99.1
Frant	76	76	100	100
Hadlow Down	51	51	100	100
Hammerwood	39	39	100	100
Hartfield	126	126	100	100
Hérons Ghyll R.C.	44	44	100	100
High Hurstwood	46	46	100	100
Isfield	38	38	100	100
Jarvis Brook	63	63	100	100
Little Horsted	49	49	100	100
Mark Cross	54	54	100	100
Nutley	164	164	100	100
Uckfield Parochial	389	389	100	100
Uckfield R.C.	170	170	100	100
Wadhurst R.C.	29	29	100	100
Withyham	36	36	100	100
Wadhurst V.P.	352	350	99.4	99.1
Groombridge	155	154	99.3	98.8
Buxted	128	127	99.2	100
Rotherfield	235	233	99.1	99.0
St. John's	105	104	99.0	99.1
Maresfield	93	92	98.9	98.6
Sir Henry Fermor	305	300	98.3	98.5
Whitehill C.P.	434	425	97.9	99.5
Mayfield	233	228	97.8	96.3
Eridge	76	74	97.3	100
Blackboys	71	68	95.7	94.9
	4,225	4,193	99.24	99.3
Attending County Schools	531	531	100	99.3
Attending Private and Residential Schools	889	889	100	100
Attending Schools outside district	226	226	100	99.5
Schools unknown	172	172	100	100
TOTALS	6,043	6,011	99.46	99.4

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES, WEIGHING CENTRES AND ANTE-NATAL CLINICS IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
BUXTED.	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE.	
Chelworth, Chelwood Gate	... 4th Thursday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH.	
Drill Hall	... 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month.
Wesleyan Hall	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Wednesday in each month.
DANEHILL.	
Scouts' Hall, Danehill	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
FAIRWARP AND MARESFIELD.	
Village Hall, Fairwarp	... 1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW.	
Village Hall	... 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month.
(Ante Natal)	... 3rd Thursday in each month.
FRAMFIELD.	
Church Hall.	... 2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT.	
Village Hall	... 2nd and 4th Fridays in each month.
(Ante Natal)	... 4th Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE.	
The Hut	... 4th Monday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.	
King's Hall, Withyham	... 1st Friday in each month.
MAYFIELD.	
Congregational Church Hall	... 1st and 3rd Fridays in each month.
NUTLEY.	
Mission Hall	... 4th Friday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD.	
British Legion Hut	... 3rd Friday in each month.
UCKFIELD.	
County Clinic	... 1st Tuesday in each month.
(Ante Natal)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
WADHURST.	
The Institute	... 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday in each month.
(Ante Natal)	... 2nd Tuesday in each month.

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 23506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 6 o'clock from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society, and other voluntary organizations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted direct from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234 Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882 or 3344	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	3
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield Hadlow Down	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

National Assistance Acts, 1948—1951.

(a) An elderly person in need of care and attention died in hospital shortly after admission under the provisions of section 47 of the principal act.

(b) Two burials of destitute persons were arranged in accordance with section 50 of the principal act at a cost of £41 7s. 6d. In one case £15 was recovered from the estate and used to defray the funeral expenses.

SECTION IV

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

Sanitary Supervision.

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts	...	1,537
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts		498
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	... ..	171
Visits to bakehouses	... ..	34
„ „ factories (with power 105, without power 18)	... ..	123
„ „ outworkers' premises	... ..	1
„ „ butchers' shops and slaughterhouses	... ..	429
„ „ knackers' yards	... ..	2
„ „ fish frying premises	... ..	14
„ „ food premises	... ..	272
„ „ ice-cream premises	... ..	29
„ „ shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	... ..	73
„ „ hop-pickers' lodgings	... ..	13
„ „ licensed premises	... ..	92
Visits in connection with tents, vans and sheds	... ..	55
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases	... ..	235
„ „ „ „ water supplies	... ..	108
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	... ..	3,258
„ „ „ „ sanitary accommodation at schools	... ..	14
Miscellaneous visits	... ..	213
Interviews	... ..	113
No. of drain tests carried out	... ..	115
„ „ water samples taken	... ..	77
„ „ milk samples taken	... ..	140
„ „ ice-cream samples taken	... ..	10
„ „ rooms disinfected and disinfested	... ..	69
„ „ preliminary notices served	... ..	134
„ „ „ „ complied with	... ..	108
„ „ statutory notices served	... ..	7
„ „ „ „ complied with	... ..	14

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operators :—

						<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received	...	...	...	...		216	91
No. of premises infested	...	...	...	...		140	76
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiries						118	35
No. of premises disinfested :							
(a) Dwellinghouses and schools	...	...	...			162	54
(b) Council properties, viz. : Sewage Disposal Works and Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	...	14	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises)	...					9	7
(d) Food premises	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
(e) Agricultural premises	...	...	...	...	...	19	—
(f) Schools	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	3,258	

Financial Arrangements.

The consolidated grant of 50 per cent. of approved net expenditure incurred in the maintenance of rodent control has been continued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Commercial and industrial premises, with the exception of those occupied by the Council, do not qualify for grant and have been charged with the actual cost of labour and materials used. In the case of private dwelling-houses, a part cost charge, based on the number of poison points laid, has been made.

Eradication of Insect Pests.

The work of eradicating insect pests was carried out during the year by the Rodent Operators under the supervision of the District Sanitary Inspectors.

Details of the work are as follows :—

<i>Pest</i>	<i>No. of premises disinfested</i>	<i>No. of visits</i>
Ants	2	4
Bees and Wasps ...	15	32
Beetles	6	17
Fleas	9	19
Flies	1	4

Factories Act, 1937.

One hundred and twenty-three visits were made to factories during the year ; of these one hundred and five were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

During the year a thorough check was made on all the factories and as a result several premises, no longer used, were deleted from the register.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES.	NO. ON REGISTER.	INSPEC- TIONS.	NOTICES.	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	42	18	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	121	105	14	-
TOTAL	163	123	15	-

Cases in which defects were found.

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.
	FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED.		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR.	By H.M. INSPECTOR.	
Want of cleanliness ...	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	23	11	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	1	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	26	13	-	-	-

Water Supplies.

Water Sampling.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

Source of Supply	Samples taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Crowborough District Water Company ...	4	4	—
South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead	13	13	—
Uckfield Rural District Council	30	30	—
Private Supplies	5	4	1
Springs and Wells	25	12	13
TOTALS	77	63	14

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council’s officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Crowborough District Water Company.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead.

East Surrey Water Company.

Properties connected to main water supply.

After action by the Council the following number of dwelling houses were connected to the main water supply.

(a) Informal action	... ..	5 properties
(b) Formal action	... ..	9 „

New Water Mains and extensions laid by the Council during 1954.

Parish	Details	Yards linear	Total Yards linear
Framfield	Extension of 4in. main to Shipreed Farm, Eastbourne Road	130	130
Hartfield	Extension of main to serve Tillingham Estate ...	150	—
	Extension of 3in. main in Parrock Lane	190	340
Uckfield	Extension of main to serve properties in Pudding Cake Lane	73	—
	Provision of 4in. main at Ringles Cross	126	—
	Provision of 3in. main to serve new development at The Highlands Estate	226	425
		TOTAL	895

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1954

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Dwellings connected to main supply during the year</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
UCKFIELD R.D.C.	Danehill	304	25	991
	Fletching	64	5	209
	Framfield	428	51	1,395
	Hartfield	513	14	1,672
	Isfield	142	3	463
	Little Horsted	13	—	43
	Maresfield	728	38	2,372
	Uckfield	1,247	71	4,064
	Withyham	*	4	—
	(Blackham)			
CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT WATER COMPANY	Buxted	618	19	2,014
	Crowborough	2,282	36	7,436
	Frant	291	2	948
	Hadlow Down	225	5	733
	Mayfield	945	21	3,079
	Rotherfield	821	18	2,675
	Wadhurst	1,150	41	3,747
	Withyham	842	14	2,744
SOUTH EASTERN GAS BOARD, EAST GRINSTEAD	Forest Row	827	26	2,695
BOROUGH OF ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS	Frant	*	3	—
	TOTALS	11,440	396	37,280

* Included in the total for Crowborough District Water Company.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The following works have been carried out during 1954.

BUXTED.

(a) Upper Totease.

An extension of the foul sewer consisting of the laying of 60 yards of 6in. glazed pipes was carried out to serve new and existing development.

(b) White Hart Works.

The pumping plant has been modernised by the installation of an automatic electrically operated pump which replaces a very old paraffin engine and ram pump.

FLETCHING.

Church Farm Cottages.

The foul sewer has been extended in 4in. glazed pipes for a distance of 49 yards to serve these cottages.

FOREST ROW.

Sewage Purification Works.

A new balancing tank has been installed at these works at a cost of £280.

HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.

Hartfield Village and Balls Green.

New purification works were constructed in 1954 at Castlefields, Hartfield. These are designed to deal with an ultimate flow of 22,800 gallons a day from an estimated future population of 912 persons.

The area which will drain to these works extends from Mitchell's Garage in Upper Hartfield to Castle Farm, Hartfield, but, at the present time, only that part of the village around the school, the pre-war and post-war Council cottages and properties at Castle Farm (totalling 52 dwellings), drain to the new works.

To drain the forementioned properties, 820 yards of 6in. glazed pipes and 87 yards of 4in. glazed pipes were laid, together with the necessary manholes.

The construction of works released several acres of land for agricultural use, upon which land the sewage was previously treated by broad irrigation. The scheme also eliminated five cesspools and a small tank and filter serving eight Council cottages.

The hamlet of Balls Green, Withyham, has also been sewered and a small electrically operated pump in a new pumphouse delivers the sewage by means of 4in. cast iron rising main to the new works at Castlefields, Hartfield.

The work at Balls Green involved the laying of 560 yards of 6in. glazed pipes, 150 yards of 4in. glazed pipes, together with manholes, etc., and 1,848 yards of 4in. cast iron pipes to serve as a rising main from the new pump house to the new purification works at Castlefields. This rising main was laid in fields alongside the railway line from Withyham to Hartfield.

The sewerage of this hamlet eliminated twelve cesspools and septic tanks and one direct discharge to the river. Thirty-seven cottages, Withyham School and the Railway Station have been connected to the new sewerage system.

The total cost of the work amounted to £14,240.

WADHURST.

Whitegates Sewage Works.

One new sludge drying bed has been provided to meet the additional demands made upon the plant by building development.

SECTION V

MILK, MEAT AND OTHER FOOD

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Milk Supplies.

One addition was made to the register of distributors and the total number of registered premises is now twenty-four.

Raw milk sold within the district is tested regularly for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli and Brucella. During the year results of one hundred and forty samples were received of which four were reported to be infected with Brucella Abortus. In the case of the four infected samples the producers' supplies were diverted to approved pasteurising establishments for heat treatment, and alternative supplies were made available to distributors until the infected animals had been removed from the herds.

No claims to compensation for enforced costs of heat treatment and transport were received during the year from owners of affected herds.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949.

The undermentioned classes of licences were issued during the year to milk dealers.

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	24
Accredited	...	...	...	1
Pasteurised	...	...	...	19

Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 13.

Food Premises.

During the year four hundred and seven visits were made to food premises and shops in the district including ninety-two visits to hotels, inns and other licensed premises.

The various classes of premises generally were found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition and the following table shows improvements carried out by owners and occupiers.

Improvements at Food Premises								
Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed, redecorated or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sinks provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Display counters improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district.

Bakehouses	...	...	...	17
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	37
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	21
Greengrocers	...	...	...	23
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	109
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	100
Restaurants	...	...	...	51
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	11

Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 14.

Ten samples of ice-cream taken during the year were reported by the bacteriologist to be satisfactory.

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	35
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	7
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	176

Slaughterhouse—Uckfield.

On the 5th of July meat rationing ended and the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse at Uckfield was acquired by the Council. The following table shows the charges levied and animals slaughtered between the 5th of July and the 31st of December, 1954.

	<i>Number slaughtered</i>	<i>Charge for each animal slaughtered</i>
Cattle	337	25/-
Calves	88	6/6d.
Sheep	408	3/6d.
Pigs	625	5/- to 9/- according to weight
Sows	26	15/-

Meat Inspection.

During the year four hundred and twenty-nine visits were made to slaughterhouses and butchers' shops. In the following table is a summary of the animals inspected and carcasses condemned during the year.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED					
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Sows
No. of Animals slaughtered and inspected	673	499	1,868	1,086	13
All diseases except Tuberculosis :					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	2	4	7	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	173	41	199	45	—
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than Tuberculosis	26%	8.5%	11%	5%	—
Tuberculosis only :					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	1	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	53	—	—	10	—
Percentage of the number inspected with Tuberculosis ...	8%	0.2%	—	0.9%	—

The total weight of meat condemned was 3 tons 4 cwts. 1 qr. 16 lbs., and in addition the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Sanitary Inspectors.

- 452 tins preserved foods ... blown or decomposed.
- 42 lbs. fish decomposed.
- 117 ,, meat, ham and bacon ... bone taint or decomposed.
- 59 ,, confectionery stale.
- 150 ,, fruit decomposed or mouldy.

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps or, where suitable, used for animal food. Meat surrendered at the Slaughterhouse is disposed of to a firm of soap manufacturers.

SECTION VI
HOUSING

Waiting List for Council Houses.

The Housing Manager has written the following comment on the state of the waiting list for Council Houses :—

	1955	1954
Number of applicants on the Council's waiting list at		
31st March	843	794

“ The number of new applications received during the year has remained about the same as in previous years. They are mainly from newly married

couples, elderly persons who have to retire and vacate service accommodation, and families evicted from service cottages or requiring larger houses due to an increase in the size of the family.

“ There has been more movement generally in the district, a slightly larger number of Council tenants having moved out and found their own accommodation in other districts or in the Dominions. A few tenants of the slightly higher income group have built their own houses and given up a Council house. In addition, more families on the waiting list have solved their own problems.

“ There still remain, however, a large number of applicants who are unable to find reasonable accommodation to let privately and who are living in unsatisfactory accommodation, sharing a house with relatives or in rooms which are not suitable for young children.”

Housing Act, 1949. Section 20.

Improvement Grants.

During the year wide Government publicity resulted in an increased demand for Improvement Grants, applications for grants to improve forty-five properties were approved compared with nine properties in the four previous years.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. Part II.

This Act, which came into force on the 30th of August, 1954, permits landlords to increase controlled rents of dwelling houses on condition that properties are in a good state of repair and fit for human habitation. If tenants consider that the state of a property does not justify an increase in rent they may apply to the Council for a certificate of disrepair. If this is granted the statutory increase of rent may be withheld until the certificate is revoked by the Council.

During 1954 five certificates of disrepair were issued and none revoked.

Table Showing the Number of Dwelling Houses in the District at March 31st, 1955

The statistics are compiled from information supplied by the Treasurer's Department.

<i>Rateable Value</i>	<i>Type of Property</i>	<i>Number of Properties</i>
Up to £20	Privately owned	7,947
	Owned by the Council	1,093
	Requisitioned Property	23
£21—£30	Privately owned	1,551
	Owned by the Council	385
	Requisitioned Property	15
Over £30	Privately owned	2,210
	Owned by the Council	—
	Requisitioned Property	1
	TOTAL	13,225

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	439
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,537
2.		Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded	9
3.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	43
4.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	88

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	73
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners	1
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	7
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1953)	14
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	6
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	3
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	9
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 11.	3
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 11, were given by owners	18

Repairs and Improvements to Dwelling Houses.

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the year :—

INTERNAL.

Dampness in floors remedied	...	...	...	...	42
Dampness in walls remedied	...	...	...	...	53
Floors relaid or repaired	...	...	...	...	66
Walls repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	123
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	...	...	...	...	86
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	38
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	41
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	77
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	29
Other woodwork repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	13
Fireplaces and flues repaired	...	...	...	...	15
Cooking stoves repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Cooking stoves provided	...	...	...	...	21
Food stores repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	24
Washing coppers repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	6
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	13
Sinks provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	26
Sink wastes trapped or provided	...	...	...	...	15
Ceiling heights increased	...	...	...	...	19
Kitchen layouts improved	...	...	...	...	6
Artificial lighting provided	...	...	...	...	5

EXTERNAL.

Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	35
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	29
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	22
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	35
Paving provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	9
Dustbins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Fuel stores provided	...	...	...	...	4
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	3

DRAINAGE.

New systems provided	...	...	...	...	30
Systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	39
Systems cleansed	...	...	...	...	12
Sewer connections	...	...	...	...	5
W.C.s provided	...	...	...	...	59
W.C.s repaired, cleansed or ventilated	...	...	...	...	10
W.C.s flushing apparatus provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	32
P.M.s converted to W.C.s	...	...	...	...	4
E.C.s converted to W.C.s	...	...	...	...	13
P.M.s abolished	...	...	...	...	4
Bathrooms provided	...	...	...	...	7
Main water supply provided	...	...	...	...	24
Wells repaired, improved, or provided	...	...	...	...	3
Baths and wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	17
Hot water systems provided	...	...	...	...	21

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY
Changes of Category during 1954

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Houses</i>	<i>Old Category</i>	<i>New Category</i>		
			1	2	<i>Total</i>
BUXTED	1	3a	—	1	—
	1	3b (4)	—	1	2
CROWBOROUGH	2	2	2	—	—
	1	3a	1	—	3
DANEHILL	1	3a	—	1	—
	1	3b	—	1	2
FRAMFIELD	1	3b (4)	—	1	1
FRANT	4	3a	4	—	4
HADLOW DOWN	1	3b (4)	1	—	1
MARESFIELD	1	3b	—	1	1
ROTHERFIELD	2	3a (4)	2	—	2
UCKFIELD	2	3a	2	—	2
WADHURST	1	3a	—	1	—
	1	3b	—	1	—
	1	3a (4)	1	—	3
WITHYHAM	1	2	1	—	—
	1	3a	1	—	2

The table of categories shown in the Annual Report for 1953 has been amended and the revised figures are as follows :—

CATEGORY I.

Satisfactory in all respects	1,142
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CATEGORY II.

Minor defects	3,497
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CATEGORY III.

Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements :

(a) Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	3,175
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(b) Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	536
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CATEGORY IV.

Agricultural Cottages structurally capable of being reconditioned (included in Category 3) :

(a) Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	454
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(b) Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	119
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CATEGORY V.

Unfit for human habitation and suitable for early demolition :

(a) Agricultural Cottages	20
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(b) Other dwellings	77
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